

AIRPOWER

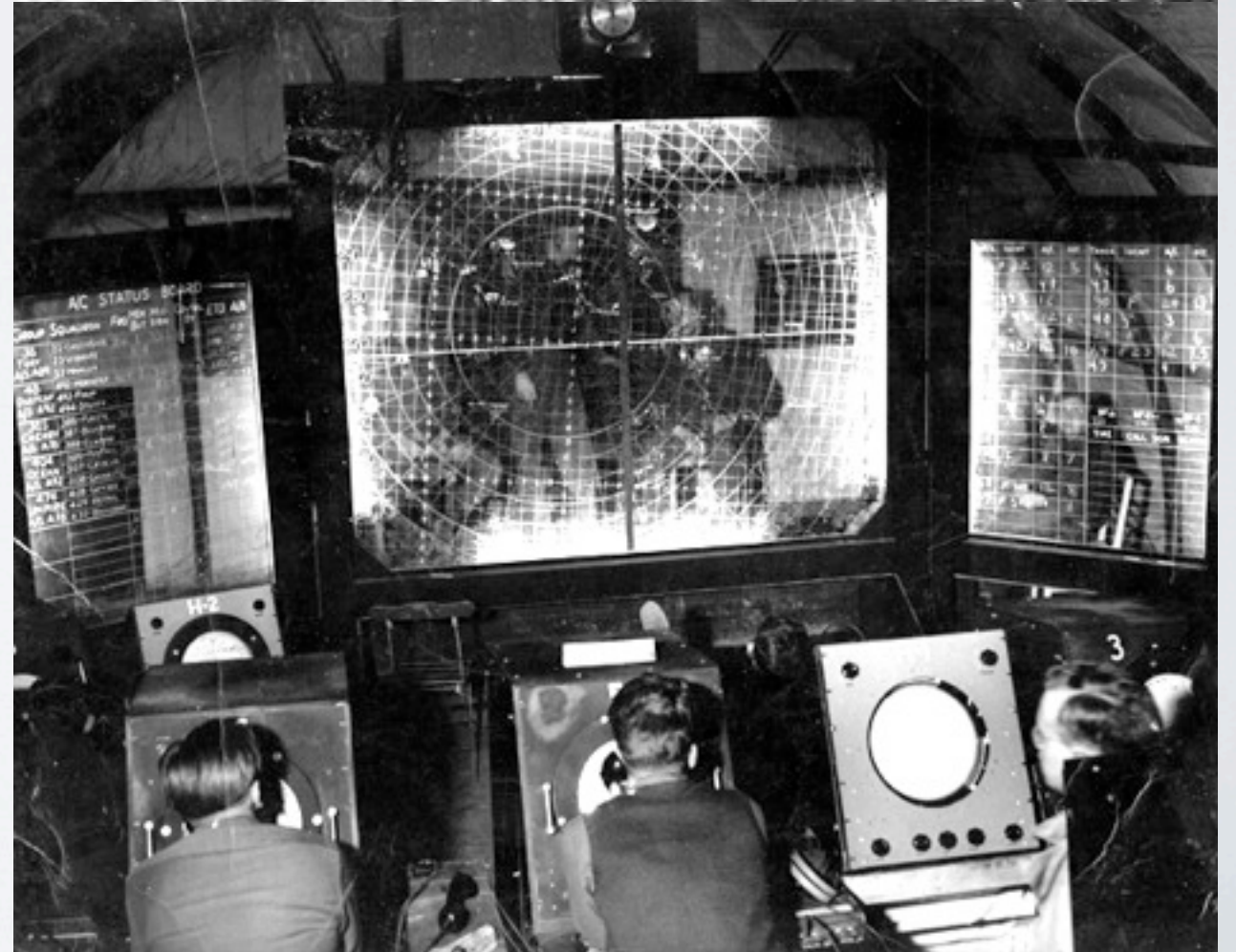
The Deciding Factor During The Second World War



THE BLITZ

The Battle of Britain - June 1940 - June 1941

IMPORTANCE OF RADAR



CONCERNS ABOUT INVASION

Operation Sealion



CANADA, THE AERODROME OF DEMOCRACY

If the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, the historians of World War II may, with some justification, record that the air battle of Europe was won on the flying fields of Canada's British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

The R.C.A.F. No. 8 Service Flying Training School served as one of the flying training units of the B.C.A.T.P. and was located on the site of this airport. The New Brunswick Turnbull Chapter of the Canadian Aviation Historical Society honors the enormous contribution of No. 8 S.F.T.S. to the war effort that helped make Canada truly World War II's "Aerodrome of Democracy".

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING PLAN

- Canada
- New Brunswick





SPITFIRE FIGHTER



LANCASTER BOMBER



7-MAN LANCASTER CREW

MAJOR BOMBING CAMPAIGNS

London Blitz	September 1940 - May 1941	20,000 killed
Berlin	1940 -1945	20-50,000 killed
Dresden	October 1944 - April 1945	25,000 killed
Hamburg	September 1939 - April 1945	42,600 killed
Tokyo	November 1944 - August 1945	100,000+ killed 1,000,000 injured

BOMBER HARRIS

- Controversial Figure
- Marshall of the Royal Air Force
- Area Bombing vs Precision Targeting



BOMBER HARRIS

“The Nazis entered this war under the rather childish delusion that they were going to bomb everyone else, and nobody was going to bomb them. At Rotterdam, London, Warsaw, and half a hundred other places, they put their rather naive theory into operation. They sowed the wind, and now they are going to reap the whirlwind.”



MORE FROM BOMBER HARRIS...

- “The aim of the Combined Bomber Offensive...should be unambiguously stated [as] the destruction of German cities, the killing of German workers, and the disruption of civilised life throughout Germany.”
- “... the destruction of houses, public utilities, transport and lives, the creation of a refugee problem on an unprecedented scale, and the breakdown of morale both at home and at the battle fronts by fear of extended and intensified bombing, are accepted and intended aims of our bombing policy. They are not by-products of attempts to hit factories.”

WHAT ARE ACCEPTABLE TARGETS IN WAR?

- Enemy Troops in the field?
- Training Bases?
- Factories engaged in war effort?
- Ships & Trains carrying troops?
- Military Hospitals?
- Universities engaged in military-related research?
- Schools?
- Residential Neighbourhoods?

